



# THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

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## **Museum Announces “Bon Voyage Fridays!” to Celebrate the Highlights of its Permanent Collection Beginning April 22**

*Unique Friday Evening Events Celebrate Favorites in its Collection*

**CLEVELAND (April 7, 2005)** — As the Museum begins preparations for its upcoming expansion project, the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) announces “Bon Voyage Fridays!” Commencing on Friday, April 22, “Bon Voyage Fridays!” are special, late night, Friday evening events inviting the public to experience highlights in the Museum’s permanent collection before they are placed in storage for safekeeping. Works of art will, of course, return to view as renovation and expansion work is completed in various galleries, some as early as fall 2008.

On these five select Fridays only, the Museum will extend its hours to 11 p.m. to celebrate “Bon Voyage Fridays!” These evenings will feature special musical performances in each closing gallery, special “Bon Voyage” movie showings at 9 p.m., Cool Fridays! performances till 11 p.m. and free parking after 8 p.m. Food and beverages also will be available to visitors.

Schedule of “Bon Voyage Fridays!” includes:

- Friday, April 22 – Enjoy French and German decorative arts; Renaissance manuscripts and tapestries.
- Friday, April 29 – View Project 244 and contemporary art.
- Friday, May 13 – See highlights from our Asian galleries.
- Friday, May 27 – Experience the Armor Court in our historic 1916 Beaux arts building.
- Friday, July 8 – Explore our ancient, Islamic and classical galleries.

In addition, the final performance of the VIVA! Festival of Performing Arts will be **Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. with the Dancers and Musicians of Bali: Çudamani in the Museum’s Gartner Auditorium.** This 25-member ensemble of dancers and musicians is the latest phenomenon to emerge from Bali, a land famed for its hauntingly beautiful performing arts. Admission for the performance is \$40 and \$35; \$35 and \$30 for CMA members. Tickets are available by calling 216-421-7350 or 1-888-CMA-0033 or online at [www.ClevelandArt.org](http://www.ClevelandArt.org).

While some works of art will be loaned to other Museums, the majority of the Museum’s permanent collection will be stored on site to ensure its safekeeping and protection during the renovation and expansion project. A complete schedule of gallery deinstallations will be posted on the Museum’s web site, [www.ClevelandArt.org](http://www.ClevelandArt.org). For more information regarding “Bon Voyage Fridays!” contact the Museum at 1-888-CMA-0033.

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The Cleveland Museum of Art receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit [www.ClevelandArt.org](http://www.ClevelandArt.org).

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